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Report of the Meeting of
Home Management Personnel - Farm Security Administration
At The Annual Meeting of the American Home Economics Assoc.
Pittsburgh, Pa. - June 28, 1938

Those of you who attended the annual meeting of the A.H.E.A. at Kansas City, Missouri, 1937, will well remember the first annual dinner and informal meeting of the Home Management personnel of the Farm Security Administration initiated through the efforts of Dr. Lucile W. Reynolds, then in charge of Home Management Supervision in the Washington office, and Miss Lelia Ogle of Region III, the Regional Chief Hostess.

Because of the many enthusiastic reports of this meeting, Mrs. Clara V. Thompson, the present Chief of the Home Management Section in Washington, appointed a committee to plan a similar meeting and dinner for this year; Mrs. Katharine B. Head, as Regional Chief Hostess, also Chairman, with Miss Lelia Ogle, Region III; Miss Elizabeth Rivers, Region II; Mrs. Clara V. Thompson and Miss M. Attie Souder of the Washington office assisting.

The A.H.E.A. most generously arranged for the use of the very beautiful and comfortable "Blue Room" in the William Penn Hotel for the morning and afternoon meetings. They also arranged for a very delightful dinner at the Oliver Restaurant.

There were 148 present by count at the morning meeting, representing nine out of the twelve Regions, and 128 were present for the afternoon meeting. The largest representation was from Region III.

Number Registering

	Total No.	Chiefs of H.E.	Nat., Reg., State & Dist. Sup's.	H.E. in R.P.	Miscel.
Region I	28	23	5	0	0
Region II	17	13	2	0	2
Region III	44	34	8	1	1
Region IV	24	18	5	1	0
Region V	0	0	0	0	0
Region VI	2	0	2	0	0
Region VII	3	2	1	0	0
Region VIII	0	0	0	0	0
Region IX	0	0	0	0	0
Region X	0	0	0	0	0
Region XI	1	1	0	0	0
Region XII	0	0	0	0	0
Washington, other	6	0	2	0	4

We want to share our very valuable experiences here with those of you who were not able to be with us at the meeting. We have prepared for you a report of our Farm Security Administration meeting and have asked Miss Helen Atwater, Editor of the Journal of Home Economics, to give us a short report of the annual meeting of the Association; enough, we hope, to make you eager to read the Journal of Home Economics, particularly the October number.

We are sure you will feel, so to speak, between the lines of this report, the interest we had in discussing our field problems, the joy we had in coming to know each other, and the inspiration we received from the speakers.

PROGRAM OF THE FSA MEETING
June 28, 1938

9:00 A.M. - Chairman, Clara V. Thompson

1. Getting Results with Families.
Discussion started by 5-minute talks by representatives of Regions I, II, V, and VIII.
2. Coordinating the Farm and Home Management Program. J. J. Riggle, Chief, Farm Plan and Loan Section.

2-4 P.M. - Chairman, Miss Irene Wolgamot, Associate State Director I/c Home Management, Ohio

1. Roll Call by Regions.
2. Our Outlook for Coordinating Farm & Home Management in Region I.
Philip E. Henderson, Acting Regional Supervisor, RR, Region I.
3. Our Experience as Rural Rehabilitation Family.
Mrs. James T. Mullen, Fayette County, Pa.
4. Diet Level.
Thelma Porter, Bureau of Home Economics, U.S.D.A.

6:30 P.M. - Dinner.
Speaker, Dr. R. A. Pearson, Special Assistant to the Administrator.

8:30 P.M. - Entertainment and Reception at Margaret Morrison College - Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Theme of General Meeting
"Improving The Opportunities Of The Home Management Program"

Introduction - Mrs. Clara V. Thompson, Chief, Home Management Section.

Mrs. Thompson emphasized the fact that the Farm Security Administration has now been accepted as an integral part of the farm family living and agricultural educational program in the United States and that Home Management is recognized as important. Like the "Lone Trumpeter" of Angelo Patri, our home management supervisors are finding their place in the great symphonic orchestra of those who are working for better farm homes.

Getting Results With Families

The discussions by home supervisors from the various regions present stressed the importance of the following points:

1. Recognition of the purpose of the Farm Security Administration Program by families making applications for aid. This should be accomplished by an understanding approach of the Farm Security worker.
2. Definite minimum goals expected of all families.
3. Additional goals desirable according to the ability and circumstances of the families. This is determined by comparing notes with the farm supervisor in advance and analyzing together the family attitude and progress.
4. In making plans for improving the home, and developing the interests and objectives of the families through:
 - a. The use of Account Books.
 - b. Well chosen illustrative material.
 - c. The children of the family.
 - d. Improved standards of workmanship.
 - e. Increasing participation in community activities.
5. "Group Writing" meetings in addition to the farm and home visit for the purpose of preparing farm and home plans. Various adaptations of group methods were discussed. Advantages and results were considered as to:
 - a. Educational values to the family.
 - b. Better coordination and understanding of the plan by each participating member of the family.
 - c. The impersonal approach to individual problems.
 - d. Recognition by the family of their relationships to the community and to the Farm Security Administration through common problems.
6. Group meetings for other special purposes:
 - a. Improved landlord and tenant relationships.
 - b. Improved banker and tenant relationships.
 - c. Delivering checks and explaining legal papers.
 - d. Developing community services, cooperative purchasing and marketing.
 - e. Homemakers' meetings supplemental to home visits.
 - f. Community and recreational development.
 - g. Summary of account records and their direct application to family progress.
 - h. Study of Outlook as it applies to F.S.A. problems.

Coordinating Farm and Home Management Program - Mr. J. J. Riggle, Chief
Farm Plan and Loan Section, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Riggle discussed:

1. Other farm and home credit sources; their purposes and security requirements as compared with Farm Security Administration credit, which is based on income probabilities as shown on Farm and Home Plans, and the development of family capabilities.
2. The importance of diversification in the farm family enterprises as opposed to specialized farming with its emphasis on cash income.
3. Two outstanding agricultural problems; rural pressure of population for land and the lack of adequate housing.
4. The desirability that terms of tenancy be improved to give tenants advantages and responsibilities comparable to those of ownership.
5. The ultimate tie-up of social consequences of what we are trying to do with the agricultural and national economy.

Mr. Phillip E. Henderson, Acting Regional Supervisor of RR in Region I.

In his discussion of coordinating farm and home management, he emphasized:

1. The importance of preparing farm and home plans cooperatively.
2. The fact that cooperation and coordination are dependent upon the psychology used by supervisors. Wise psychological approach with families by supervisors stimulates proper cooperation and coordination.
3. That farm plans are more successfully carried out when the family accepts the responsibility for the enterprise.
4. The Farm Security worker is less important than the job itself or the family concerned.

Story of Progress Made by One Family Since 1934 - Mrs. Mullens

Mrs. Mullens gave a story of the progress made since 1934 and said in conclusion:

"We had no equipment, no credit, no chance, until we heard of Farm Security, then we received a loan, encouragement, and friendly advice from the supervisors. We expect to be on our feet again in two years. If the Farm Security helps all other families to succeed as it has us, it will certainly be a success."

Diet Levels - Mrs. Thelma Porter, Economics Division, Bureau of Home Economics.

Pointing out that good health is of vital concern to every person, Dr. Porter opened a discussion on the importance of the adequacy of the diet in providing health. The changing attitude toward positive health is made evident not only by the attention given in medical circles to the imperative nature of the problems involved, but also by others generally interested in the betterment of the human race.

This recognition exists today not only in this country, but throughout the world. Many believe the application of the principles of the science of nutrition in promoting public health will at the same time benefit agriculture.

She presented some of the scientific bases for the adequate diet plans at different cost levels set forth by the food economics section of the Economics Division, Bureau of Home Economics in "Diet to Fit the Family Income". Each of the plans so far drawn up includes 12 major groups of food:

1. Milk in its various forms
2. Fatty foods, such as butter, margarines, oils, salt pork, and bacon
3. Lean meat, poultry, and fish
4. Eggs
5. Dried beans, peas, and nuts
6. Tomatoes and citrus fruits
7. Leafy, green, and yellow vegetables
8. Other vegetables and fruits not included above
9. Dried fruits
10. Potatoes and sweet potatoes
11. Flour, baked goods, and assorted cereals
12. Sugars, including jams, jellies, honey, molasses, etc.

Many different combinations of these food groups are possible. The plans suggested in the Bureau's publications are not the only ones which could be devised to give good nutritive value. The kind of diet plan a farm family adopts is affected by many factors, such as: the cash income and the possibilities of food production for home use. Standards of adequate diets are indispensable in drawing up a family food production plan on an economically-sound basis.

Aims and Objectives - Clara V. Thompson, Chief, Home Management Section, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Thompson in discussing "Aims and Objectives" suggested that home supervisors ask themselves:

1. What definite things have my people learned from me?
2. How far would they fall if I were no longer identified with this program?
3. How have I interpreted the fundamental philosophies and purposes of the Farm Security Program?
4. Am I big enough to convert seeming tragedy into assets?
5. By what means have I succeeded in helping families to be self-reliant and able to go on by themselves?

She suggested that Farm Security might stand for the following:

- F-Faith in self, neighbors, and country renewed.
- A-Ambition restored.
- R-Responsibility revived and respect for self regained.
- M-Mind rekindled or stimulated to spiritual, mental, and material resources.

- S-Sacred trust recognized.
- E-Energy properly applied.
- C-Concentrated effort effected.
- U-Unity of purpose established.
- R-Resourcefulness reborn.
- I-Identity with aims and ambitions promoted.
- T-Technical skills practically applied.
- Y-Youth inspired, guided, and recognized.

Dinner Meeting
Oliver Restaurant - 6:30 P. M.

A very delicious dinner was served 130 Farm Security Administration personnel at the Oliver Restaurant under conditions most conducive for getting acquainted. Mrs. Head, Chief of Home Management, Region I, was Toast Mistress. Dr. R. A. Pearson, Special Assistant to the Administrator, gave the address of the evening. A copy is attached.

Consensus of Opinion Expressed

The consensus of opinion of the home management personnel attending the meeting was that:

1. A letter be sent to the A.H.E.A. expressing the appreciation of the home management personnel of the Farm Security Administration for the courtesies extended in making our meetings possible under such delightful conditions.
2. All home management workers in Farm Security be encouraged to join their State Home Economics Association and subscribe to the Journal of Home Economics.
3. The Farm Security Home Management group have a meeting in connection with the convention in San Antonio, Texas, in 1939.
4. The same general plan be followed next year in regard to the committee in planning the program and making general arrangements, viz; that Mrs. Love, Chief of Home Management, Region VIII, serve as chairman with chiefs of adjacent regions as members of her committee and with the Washington staff members acting as advisors.
5. Through the program announcements of the A.H.E.A. convention, members be invited to visit Resettlement projects on their way to and from the convention.
6. Invitations be extended to representatives of the Farm Management and other sections of the Farm Security Administration in the nearby area to attend the conference.

7. Consideration of our place in the organization of A.H.E.A. to be discussed by Farm Security representatives with the proper members of A.H.E.A.

Respectfully submitted,

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